

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A joint connector comprising:
2 a terminal received by a terminal receiving chamber in a connector housing; and
3 a coupling member to electrically connect a plurality of terminals with each other,
4 wherein a supporting part to slidably support the coupling member is provided at a wall of
5 the terminal receiving chamber, the supporting part being arranged to form a sliding path along a
6 lengthwise direction of a wire received by the terminal,
7 wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided at the terminal to clip the coupling member
8 at a slide end of the supporting part.

1 Claim 2 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,
3 wherein a positioning member, with which a side part of the coupling member comes into
4 contact, is provided at starting side of a slidable part of the notch to prevent the coupling member
5 from lateral displacement.

1 Claim 3 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,
3 wherein an engaging part to prevent the coupling member from lateral displacement is
4 provided at stopping side of a slidable part of the notch,
5 wherein a mating part to be engaged with the engaging part is provided at the coupling
6 member.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): A joint connector comprising:
2 a terminal received by a terminal receiving chamber in a connector housing; and
3 a coupling member to electrically connect a plurality of terminals with each other,
4 wherein a supporting part to slidably support the coupling member is provided at a wall of
5 the terminal receiving chamber,
6 wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided at the terminal to clip the coupling member
7 at a slide end of the supporting part ~~The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,~~
8 wherein the coupling member has a joint piece, a plurality of slidably contacting pieces being
9 continued to the joint piece, and a vertically contacting piece being provided vertically on each
10 slidably contacting piece,
11 wherein the vertically contacting piece is clipped by the resiliently clipping members of the
12 terminal.

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): A terminal comprising:
2 an electrically contacting part at one side; and
3 an electric wire connecting part at the other side,
4 wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the
5 electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the
6 terminals with each other, said coupling member having a pair of free ends extending along a
7 lengthwise direction of a wire received by the terminal, the free ends being formed to receive and
8 clip said coupling member when said coupling member slides along the lengthwise direction of the
9 wire.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): A terminal comprising:
2 an electrically contacting part at one side; and
3 an electric wire connecting part at the other side,
4 wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the
5 electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the
6 terminals with each other ~~The terminal as described in claim 5,~~
7 wherein the resiliently clipping member has a rear anchor continued to the electric contact
8 part and a pair of free ends, said free ends being continued to the rear anchor and clipping the
9 coupling member.

1 Claim 7 (original): The terminal as described in claim 6,
2 wherein the pair of free ends is continued to the rear anchor and extended in a longitudinal
3 direction of the electric contact part.

1 Claim 8 (original): The terminal as described in claim 6,
2 wherein while the pair of free ends is formed in a folded shape, a tip part of each free end
3 rises in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of the electrically contacting part.

1 Claim 9 (original): The terminal as described in claim 5,
2 wherein the tip part of the resiliently clipping member is formed to have a tapered opening.

1 Claim 10 (previously presented): The joint connector as described in claim 1, wherein a
2 terminal is used in the joint connector, wherein the terminal comprises:
3 an electrically contacting part at one side; and
4 an electric wire connecting part at the other side,
5 wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the
6 electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the
7 terminals with each other.

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